

SECURITY OPERATION LEVELS

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[\(See HB 8100p900 – CAL FIRE Security Operation Levels\)](#)

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Security Operation Levels are used by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to identify heightened preparedness for unplanned and / or potential disasters. CAL FIRE has identified three Security Operation Levels.

The designation of an Security Operation Level above a Level 1 will be communicated through the normal CAL FIRE Command and Control System and re-evaluated at a minimum of every 72 hours. The Security Operation Level elevation may be implemented based on verified conditions in a Unit, Region, and / or Statewide. The Threat Level of the Federal Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) and / or protests, demonstrations, civil disturbances, labor strikes or natural disasters with in the state of California may cause the elevation of the CAL FIRE Operation Security Level.

Security Operation Level 1: Daily, routine security and attention to business continuation for all CAL FIRE facilities that directly support emergency services. This level reflects measures that meet the intent of Federal Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) Threat Levels Green (Low), Blue (Guarded), and Yellow (Elevated).

Security Operation Level 2: Suspected possible security issue, heightened state of security, or the expected occurrence of a potential or real disaster in the state. These measures will usually be considered during a Federal Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) Threat Level Orange (High). Direction will be given from the Department Duty Chief as to what action(s) are to be taken.

Security Operation Level 3: Known security issues or a Governor declared State of Emergency and/or State of War Emergency that create security concerns. This can be specific to a given location. These measures would usually be considered during a Federal Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) Threat Level Red (Severe). Direction will be given from the Department Duty Chief as to what action(s) are to be taken.

Non-wildland fire costs will not be coded to the Emergency Fund, as described in [Policy 3821- Emergency Fund Policy](#). A separate PCA code will be issued to track extraordinary costs [\(See Policy 3820.3 - “Non-Fire Emergency, Special PCAs Required”\)](#).

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